

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/JP2005/002089

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 C07C41/06 C07C43/13 C07C43/178 C07C29/10 C07C31/20

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
IPC 7 C07C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, CHEM ABS Data, PAJ

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	T. YAMAKAWA ET AL.: "Selective synthesis of 3-methoxy-1-propanol from methanol and allyl alcohol with metal oxide catalysts" CATALYSIS COMMUNICATIONS, vol. 2, 2001, pages 191-194, XP002331426 NELSEVIER SCIENCE, AMSTERDAM the whole document	15
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X	T. YAMAKAWA ET AL.: "Synthesis of 3-alkoxy-1-propanol from allyl alcohol by use of metal oxide catalysts in the liquid-phase" STUDIES IN SURFACE SCIENCE AND CATALYSIS., 2003, pages 549-550, XP008048324 NELSEVIER SCIENCE B.V., AMSTERDAM. the whole document	15
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-15

A method for producing 3-alkoxy-1-propanol from allyl alcohol and an alcohol, optionally followed by hydrolysis. Furthermore 3-alkoxy-1-propanols.

2. claims: 16-28

A method for producing 1,3-propanediol by hydrolysis of 3-alkoxy-1-propanol. Furthermore 1,3-propanediol.